

Washington State Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care Costs and Access

Problem, Vision and Goals Statement

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Problem Statement:

Our health care system does not provide accessible, affordable, quality health care to all Washingtonians.

Vision Statement & Goals:

In five years, we envision a system which provides every Washingtonian the ability to obtain needed health care at an affordable price.

To realize this vision, we will achieve the following goals by 2012:

In Improving Access:

- All Washingtonians will have access to health coverage that provides effective care by 2012, with all children having such coverage by 2010.

In Improving Health:

- Washington will be one of the top ten healthiest states in the nation.
- Population health indicators will be consistent across race, gender and income levels throughout the state.
- Increased use of evidence-based care brings better health outcomes and satisfaction to consumers.

In Improving Affordability:

- The rate of increase in total health care spending will be no more than the growth in personal income.